



POSSUM PRESS

NEWS FROM JANTIENA

Term two has started with renewed energy. We welcome our new families to Maribyrnong, knowing that you will enjoy being a part of our learning community.

Reading Institute

On Monday 13 April our educators headed into the ANU to attend the Reading Institute. This professional learning event was part of the PALLs (Principals as Literacy Leaders) initiative that our school is undertaking this year. We were very fortunate to hear from high calibre international and national researchers and practitioners. It was also a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues from over 30 ACT schools. The day began with a keynote address by Debbie Miller focusing on teaching reading with intention: defining beliefs and aligning practices. Our educators then attended sessions facilitated by and focussing on a range of areas, including:

- David Hornsby - The essential role of phonics when moving from talking to writing
- Debbie Miller - Formative assessment for Learning: What, Why, and How
- Anne Bayetto - Developing strong readers with a focus on vocabulary and fluency
- Chris Topfer- Developing a word conscious classroom

Our educators were affirmed and challenged. Many connections were made and the bus ride back to school was humming with ideas. Thank you to our team, and our relief teachers, for attending.

Preschool Assessment and Rating Process

In line with the National Quality Standards and the National Regulations, we have received notification that Maribyrnong preschool will participate in the assessment process for services evaluation in May and June 2015. We welcome this process and its acknowledgement of the quality education provided at Maribyrnong. The preschool team have been working towards this for over three years so are very excited to engage in this process. We look forward to sharing the process with you over the coming months. For more information please see: <http://acecqa.gov.au/national-quality-framework/assessments-and-ratings>

Preschool and Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

Enrolments for new students to our school opened on Tuesday 28 April.

The process is the same as last year, in that it is completed online at http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

In 2016 our preschool groups will be capped at 22 children as we are guided by the National Quality Framework and Standards. This is a change from the last two years where our groups could go up to 25 due to the size of the room. For 2016 that means we will only be able to offer 66 places rather than the 72 places we offered this year. So get in fast! Within the first hour of enrolments opening on Tuesday we received many enrolments. Online enrolments for all age groups are open now so please encourage families who are hoping to join the Maribyrnong community to complete this process as soon as possible.



Thursday 30 April, Term 2 Week 1



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAY

5	P&C Mother's Day Stall UCHSK Transition Day
7	P&C Mother's Day Stall
8	Assembly 2.15 pm
12-14	NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5 only)
14	Board 6.00 pm & P&C 7.00 pm
15	P&C Walkathon

For the full 2015 calendar, please visit:
http://www.maribyrnongps.act.edu.au/our_community/calendar



Baby Baillie

Congratulations Jane and David on the arrival of Zoe May on Tuesday. All are well and we know that Hayden and Liam are going to be great big brothers.

Staffing Updates

This term we welcome Stacey Howard to the 3/4 team. Stacey is working part time Wednesday to Friday to provide targeted support in our reading, spelling and numeracy groups. Our differentiated groupings support our second tier intervention strategy. Stacey completed her internship with Jane Baillie and Keilly Pownall last year so we are excited to welcome her back in this role.

Sally Longworth, one of our preschool assistants, is also undertaking a different role starting this term. Sally will be working with our students in the LSU on a Monday and Tuesday while still working with the Glimmers in preschool on a Wednesday. To facilitate this move, Kelly Perrett will be working with the Glimmers on a Monday and Tuesday. Kelly is well known to our preschool children as she has worked in the preschool all year covering lunch breaks.

AITSL Professional Growth Partnerships Project

Maribyrnong Primary School is one of three ACT government schools who have been selected to participate in a project run by AITSL (Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership) focussing on the professional conversations that occur within a school. The aim of the project is to examine different types of professional conversations including their use, characteristics and impact. Impact of the conversations will be examined to varying degrees through change in knowledge and skills, change in teacher practice, change in leadership practice, change in school culture and, where relevant, changes in outcomes for students. Maribyrnong is very excited to be involved in this project.

Belconnen Network Scholarship

Maribyrnong Primary School is one of three Belconnen schools to receive a network scholarship. Our successful application aims to explore what quality feedback in the classroom is and how it can be used to improve student outcomes; with an initial focus on improving the number of higher achieving students and adding value to their progress through rigorous and robust feedback processes. The project focuses on internalised student feedback and feedback from external sources. This project aims to explore feedback on these two levels, conduct further research into quality feedback, and develop a formal feedback structure which meets every child's needs. We will bring you more information on this soon.

Cool Weather and Lost Property

With the onset of the cooler weather we also have more lost property. Please label everything as this will facilitate a quicker return to your child. Lost property is housed in each unit, often near an entrance. If your child is missing an item this is where it may be. We have had a few requests at the front office for lost property and the only items that are stored here are those that have been handed in and are of a valuable nature such as jewellery. All other items are kept in the units to help your child get it back as quick as possible.

Keep smiling!

Jantiena

MYTHBUSTERS

Myth # 1 Children need to memorise a lot of facts, rules and formulas to be good at maths

First of all let's define numeracy...

For many years the term numeracy has been used along with the term mathematics. Many people assumed this change of name was an updated term. This is not the case. Numeracy and mathematics are two different concepts. Mathematics is the study of measurement, space, algebra, patterns, geometry and number. Numeracy is the social application of these skills. Being numerate means using mathematics effectively to meet the general demands of one's current and future life. Numeracy is more than knowing about number and involves a high level of mathematical literacy.

Many of us can remember back to our school days when we worked on our times tables every day. We chanted them and some of us even marched around the playground hoping to commit them to our memory! This level of memorisation focused on recalling abstract facts instead of working through a process. Since the focus with this approach is on remembering facts children are unable to check if their answer could be reasonably correct.

By teaching students the process of manipulating numbers or objects they are able to use strategies that are efficient and allow them to check if their answer could be correct. This approach also allows students to learn that there is more than one way to solve a problem.

As students construct their understanding over time, they begin to commit the process to their memory. This is called automaticity, but can only happen when your child has a strong understanding of the process behind this knowledge.



So.....this myth is busted!

Writing is a solitary activity best done in groups!

Looking for more information to support your child's literacy or numeracy development? Please contact Jantiena Batt through the Front Office or by email jantiena.batt@ed.act.edu.au



AROUND THE GROUNDS

Managing Student Behaviour

Managing student behaviour choices is a complex daily task for all educators. Our firm belief is that engaging students in their learning and creating a sense of belonging and identify among their peers is the key to successful behaviour choices. That said, part of our role as educators is to work with families and students around appropriate behaviour choices in society. We deliberately use the language 'behaviour choice'. This term was coined by William Glasser in the 1980s. There are three key points to Glasser's theory:

- all we do is behave,
- that almost all behaviour is chosen, and
- that we are driven by our genes to satisfy five basic needs: survival, love and belonging, power, freedom and fun.

In practice, the most important need is love and belonging, as closeness and connectedness with the people we care about is a requisite for satisfying all of the needs.

So how do we use this approach within our Behaviour Management Procedures?

At the start of each year educators work through class and school rules with students. This is not a teacher directed process, it is led by students based on their experiences and knowledge around how they like to be treated and what they want school life to be like for them. This ensures that the behavioural expectations are clear to students and that they are committed to them as they in essence designed them. The school behaviour procedures are also shared at this time to assist students to understand the consequences for particular behaviour choices.

We also discuss with students the important role they play in identifying instances of inappropriate behaviour and bullying. Educators talk explicitly with students around how they might feel in different situations and responses that the body might give to show that a particular behaviour is not appropriate.

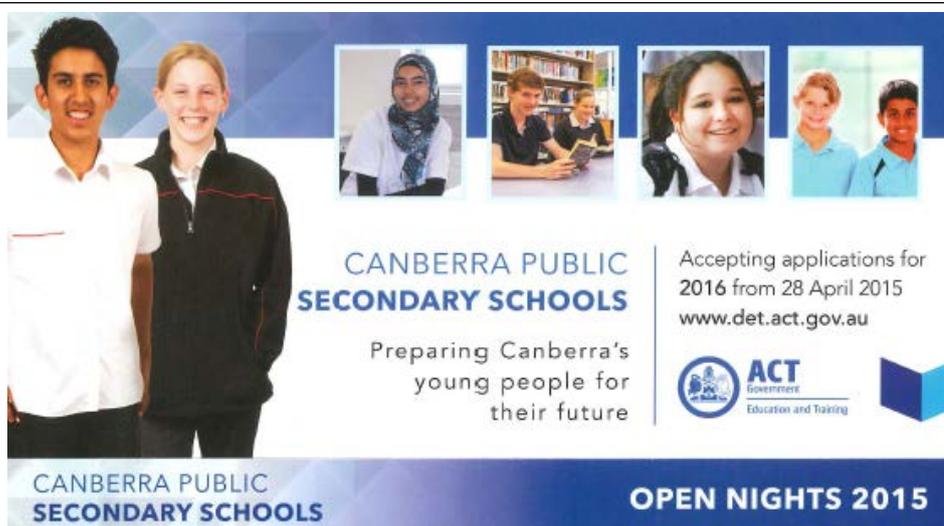
Direct link to read the school behaviour procedures in full:

http://www.maribyrrongps.act.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/282592/Maribyrrong_Primary_School_Behaviour_Management_Procedures_2014.pdf

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Canberra High School (Bruce Residents), Thursday 21 May 5.30 pm
Please go to the website for other schools and times.

NOTES SENT HOME

P&C NOTES:

- ❖ Mothers Day Fundraiser
- ❖ Walkathon
- ❖ Family Portrait reminder note.

Please see the front office if you need replacement notes of the following sent last term:

- Chess Classes term 2
- 3/4 camp
- UCHSK Transition Day - year 6 only
- PSSA Cross Country
- NAPLAN Information

GLIMMERS, DAZZLERS, SPARKLERS (PRESCHOOL)

Welcome back to another fun filled term! We hope you had an enjoyable break and are now ready for another action packed term full of investigations and fun learning experiences. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and their families who have joined us this term.

The children love seeing their parents and carers playing and helping at preschool. You are most welcome to stay and have fun with us whenever you like. We'd love to have you here to share your skills, knowledge and culture with us.

Our learning logs are available for you to look at whenever you have time! Please come in and sit with your child and explore some of the learning that has been occurring at preschool so far

Date for your diaries:

1/5/15 – Kenny Koala Road Safety visit (Dazzlers)

1/6/15 – Kenny Koala Road Safety visit (Glimmers)

27/8/15 – Kenny Koala Road Safety visit (Sparklers)

We are looking forward to another fantastic term ahead with the Glimmers, Dazzlers and Sparklers.

Elsa, Sally, Ni, Gaby, Georgia and Kelly ☺

AURORAS (K and K/1)

Welcome back! We hope you have had a great holiday. We are looking forward to another wonderful term of learning and fun. This term in our inquiry unit we will be focusing on history. As part of the unit we will be looking at artefacts and how they can tell a story from the past. The children will be given an opportunity to bring an artefact from home to share with the class. It would be a great time to start talking with your child about how things were different for you when you were growing up.

This week we have started BEE spelling. BEE spelling teaches the children to use their Brain, Ears and Eyes to learn sounds. Students have been put into groups based on their understanding of letters and sounds. In their groups they will be sorting out pictures and words based on the sound they are learning. In math this week we will be looking at patterns. The children will be learning to recognise and create their own patterns.

Please remember that children are required to keep their hats on until week five this term. Today we had a lot of hats missing. Please ensure your child has a hat they can wear on the playground.

Thank you,
Sarah, Jess, Naomi,
Leeanne and Kathleen.



NEONS (1/2)

Welcome back to term two in the Neon unit.



We are all excited to be back for another term of learning with the children. This term we welcome two new students to Mrs Tome's class. We wish Kaitlyn and Simon all the best as they start at Maribyrnong Primary School. Mrs Tome also has a pre-service teacher in her class Sonia Norris. Sonia is in her third year of her teaching degree and will be undertaking her practicum here for three weeks this term.

This term in inquiry we are looking at adaptations that animals make to suit the environment they live in with a specific focus on Asian animals.

Many children are missing hats for play time. They are still required even though the weather is cooling down so please ensure your child has a hat (or two).

The Neon Unit

Amanda, Camille, Kathleen, Keilly, Lucy, Stacey and Sonia.

BEAMERS (3/4)

Welcome back for term two! The students have all spoken about their wonderful holiday and were very happy to be back at school.

We have such a busy term!

- In week three is NAPLAN, please complete with withdrawal forms that went home last term **IF** you would like your child withdrawn from NAPLAN.
- In week four we are going on camp! Please return permission notes asap if you have not already done so.



A reminder that if your child qualified for the Belconnen PSSA Cross Country a note went home last term regarding travel arrangements if you would like your child to attend. The note was red, and needs to be returned to school as soon as possible.

This term we are focussing on persuasive writing (weeks one to three) and then on writing poetry (weeks four to ten). We have some very exciting learning experiences planned.

This term we welcome Stacey Howard to the team. Stacey will be teaching in the unit on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during reading groups, BEE Spelling and maths groups.

Kylie, Symone, Lyndall and Justine.

FIREFLIES (LSU)

Hi everyone and welcome back to term two! We had a great start to the term today listening to all the stories about weddings, coast trips, grandparents, lunch treats, puppies, cats and many other wonderful happenings from the holidays.

This term we are looking forward to some excursions and camp days as well as lots of other fun things to learn about at school.

For all the K-3 students in the LSU their library day is Tuesday. Homework is due back on Monday so let's try and make Monday the day we check our school bags in the morning and make sure we have homework, library bags and home readers.

Cooking will be on Thursdays again this term so remember to bring in an apron if you want to protect those uniforms from any mess. Look out for a note in your child's bag soon asking for a contribution to our cooking fund.

Hats still need to be worn on the playground until the end of week five. After that time the children are welcome to forget their hats on take in some Vitamin D.



Have a great weekend!
Lee and Jacque.

LIBRARY NEWS

Last term we received a number of excellent new books: picture books, fiction and non-fiction. All of these books are now available for loan. Many thanks to Jackie Sampson, Jeanette Krahe and Lauren Newman who all volunteer their time to contact the many new books we have.

A reminder that students in kindergarten to year two must have a library bag to be able to borrow. The loan period for books is two weeks. If students would like to have a book for longer than that, they need to bring the book in to the library in order to renew it. We have many overdue books at the moment, so please have a good look around and return any you find.

Next term, in week four, we will be celebrating Book Week. The theme for this year's Book Week is "Books light up your life". I wanted to give you plenty of notice about the competitions I will be running this year. There will be two competitions. The first is to build your favourite character from Lego. The second competition is to make a diorama in a shoe box of a scene from your favourite book. Entries need to be brought to the library during week three next term. Winners will receive a voucher to spend at the school book fair. This is also a chance to start thinking about costumes for the Book Week parade. On Friday of week four, 14 August, we have a special assembly and students may come dressed as a **book** character. This includes characters from books that have been made into movies e.g. Harry Potter. Get your thinking caps on, I look forward to seeing the wonderful creations.

"To read or not to read: that is a silly question."
Keilly.



SUPERNOVAS (5/6)

Welcome back to all our students as we begin another exciting term here at Maribyrnong. It is fantastic to see all our wonderful 5/6 leaders being such wonderful role models in their school uniform.



This term we are excited to announce the commencement of two exciting new programs in year 5/6, ukulele and bike programs. All students in 5/6 will be involved in the bike program as part of their PE program. The ukulele program will begin next Monday and will be a lunch time program. Due to availability of instruments numbers will be limited however, students are encouraged to bring their own to use. Further details can be found in the note sent out later this week.

This week students who have qualified to represent the school in the PSSA Belconnen Cross Country have been given their notes and these need to be returned ASAP.

Next Tuesday will see the year 6 students attend an open day at University of Canberra High School Kaleen where they will participate in a number of activities that include science, drama, dance, Japanese and PE. Students will need to be in school uniform, and bring a water bottle and snacks. Lunch in the form of a sausage sizzle will be provided free of charge and the canteen will also be open. If a sausage sizzle is not appropriate for your child, they can bring their own lunch or purchase from the canteen. Please refer to the note sent home last term for further details.

Shane, Elissa, Sarah, Emma and Justine.

GLOW WORMS (LSUA)

Welcome to term three! It sounds as though everyone has had a lovely holiday break. We have enjoyed sharing our holiday experiences during morning individual literacy activities.

This term our inquiry unit is based around inventions. The main concepts to be covered include change, needs, wants, technology and lifestyle. We will be looking at why people invent things and the purpose of various inventions. During the Lifestyle focus, we will also be looking at healthy eating choices.

Virginia, Nicola and Kathleen.

POSSUM PANTRY ROSTER

Week 2	Wednesday 6 May	Thursday 7 May	Friday 8 May
9.00 am - 2.30 pm			Sharon F Kerry
9.00 am - 12 noon	Kim	Wendy Kerry	Linda
12.00pm - 3.00 pm		Emma	
Week 3	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May	Friday 15 May
9.00 am - 2.30 pm			Sharon H Kerry
9.00 am - 12 noon	Kim	Kerry	Linda
12.00 pm- 3.00 pm		Emma	

The canteen has been getting busier and we would love to get some more volunteers, if you are available to help in the canteen on any of the shifts not yet covered, or if you would like to be included on future canteen rosters please see Bec or Rouvaye in the canteen or call them on 62415974. Any help would be greatly appreciated, either for a whole shift or any time you can spare. Volunteers who help out for a shift will be issued with a voucher for 1 Meal Deal. We look forward to seeing you in the canteen. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Changes to ACTION school services from Monday 18 May 2015

On Monday 18 May ACTION will be introducing a range of timetable adjustments and service improvements to the normal weekday network, as well as changes to some dedicated school services. These changes were announced Thursday 2 April. Full details are available on the [ACTION website](#). We encourage parents to view the changes to the normal weekday network also taking effect on Monday 18 May, as connection times with dedicated school services may have changed.

For more information please visit action.act.gov.au or call 13 17 10.



Mainly music is a fun, interactive music session for young children (0-5 yrs). The children and their parents/caregivers join together for a fun, thirty-minute music session. Thursday mornings from 10.00 am to 11.00 am at St Simon's Anglican Church, Georgina Cres, Kaleen. The cost is \$5 per family per week. The sessions will commence on 30 April 2015.

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P&C NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Don't forget to buy Mum something special at the Mother's Day Stall on Tuesday 5 or Thursday 7 May. Please see the note for more information.



SCHOOL WALKATHON

Sponsorship forms and requests for helpers for the Walkathon on Friday 15 May (week three) have gone home. Please contact Ros for information, roslyn.riddle@ed.act.edu.au



FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

This is a great opportunity to receive a Family Portrait or Family Pet Photo for only \$30. The whole \$30 will be given to the school. Spots are filling up and if you would like to book a time please contact Jeanette Krah on 0434862410 or e-mail jeanettekrah@yahoo.com.au. For further information on packages please contact Ladina on 0438198147 or hello@ladinaphotography.com.au

BOOK CLUBS

Scholastic book club. Due: Monday 11 May. Red Gum book club brochures available at the front office. Due: Monday 18 May.

Any queries contact Clare Whittingham madden_clare@hotmail.com or 0408252736.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The weather is getting colder, come in and buy a jumper, new jumpers and jackets from \$32 or 2nd hand, starting at \$2. Uniform shop open Monday 8.45am-9.30 am. Any queries contact Clare Whittingham on 0408252736 or madden_clare@hotmail.com

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will commence again this Friday 1 May in the Library from 8:45 - 9.00 am. There is still time to do 25 deposits this year to be eligible for the Family Holiday to Disneyland!!! School Banking rewards will be presented on assembly in coming weeks. Many thanks, Jeanette Krah.